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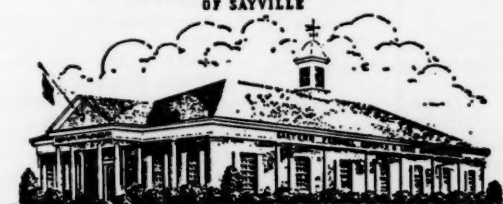
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Settlement of the Eastern Towns

(From a manuscript of
Richard M. Bayles
written circa 1880.

It would be interesting to know in detail the conditions and surroundings amid which the settlement of the eastern towns was made. We must be content with fragmentary details and general probabilities. Let us take a running glance of the planting and growth of a representative colony.

The little band of Puritans have made the necessary negotiations with the Indians, and the spring-time finds them face to face with the dangers and hardships of the wilderness. A company of men have purchased the land and hold it in common. A small plot is laid out as a town plat, in which a lot of a few acres for a home lot is laid off to each individual. With the few and simple implements which they were able to

bring with them, these hardy sons of toil begin their work.

Perhaps a rude hut served as their first domicile, but very soon the solid wooden structure, and frame buildings covered with shingles were erected. Doors with wooden hinges and glass windows were soon used in the construction of their houses. Grain crops were planted and orchards set out. Cattle were imported and stock raising soon became one of the most important interests. Hay for the winter feeding of their cattle was obtained from the natural meadows which skirted the bays on either side of the Island. Hence these meadows were considered as of much value, and were carefully divided among the settlers.

Their next concern was for a house in which they might set up the worship of God. The employment of a minister was not ne-

glected, but was with some of the towns begun with the first outlines of the settlement.

The surveyor, and the mediator between the little colony and the Indians, were men of conspicuous importance, and to the fidelity and tact with which those men fulfilled their missions may be attributed much of the peaceable relations which for the most part existed between these towns and the Indians, as well as with each other.

Within about 25 years after the first settlement the total number of animals owned by the people of these towns was about 8500, with about three quarters consisting of cattle and hogs. Thus the raising of grain and cattle, the cutting of cordwood and pipe staves from the forest, the manufacture of tar, the whale fishing along the coast, and commerce

